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SUBJ: CONCORDE

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1. ISSUANCE OF FAA'S DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT REPORTED FRONT PAGE OF MOST BRITISH NEWSPAPERS TODAY AND GIVEN EXTENDED COVERAGE BY RADIO AND TELEVISION NEWS BROADCASTS. ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION BRITISH NEWS MEDIA HAILED EIS AS MAJOR BREAKTHROUGH FOR EVENTUAL CONCORDE SERVICES TO US AND EUPHORICALLY GLOSSED OVER UNCERTAINTIES BOTH WITH RESPECT TO EIS PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPROVAL BY AIRPORT AUTHORITIES. EPA RECOMMENDATIONS ON SST NOISE RULE ALSO REPORTED, GENERALLY IN SAME NEWS STORIES, AND HERE AGAIN MEDIA FOCUSED PRIMARY ATTENTION ON EXEMPTION PROPOSED FOR "CURRENT MODELS" OF CONCORDE WITH NOTHING SAID ABOUT INABILITY TO QUALIFY FOR EXEMPTION OF CONCORDES ENTERING PRODUCTION AFTER 1976.

2. ONLY THE GUARDIAN PROVIDED SOBER ANALYSIS OF PROBLEMS STILL FACING CONCORDE. GUARDIAN DESCRIBED EIS AS "CAUTIOUS

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AMBER LIGHT" FROM USG ON CONCORDE SERVICES AND IT WARNED

THAT "...ANY EUROPEAN TENDENCIES TO EUPHORIA SHOULD BE TAKEN SMARTLY IN HAND: THE LONG-AWAITED ARMAGEDDON IN WHICH WELL-ORGANIZED AND HIGHLY RESPECTED OPPONENTS OF THE SUPERSONIC ALBATROSS TAKE ON ITS FOREIGN PROTAGONISTS IN BLOODY BATTLE IS JUST ABOUT TO BEGIN". ARTICLE THEN GOES ON TO DESCRIBE IN REASONABLY OBJECTIVE FASHION DIFFICULTIES THAT LIE AHEAD.

3. BRITISH AIRWAYS IS QUOTED AS SAYING FAA REPORT "ENCOURAGING" BUT NOTING THAT BA STILL A LONG WAY FROM BEING GRANTED FINAL PERMISSION TO FLY CONCORDE INTO JFK AIRPORT. THERE HAS BEEN NO PUBLIC COMMENT THUS FAR FROM

UK GOVERNMENT.

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